

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members
FROM: Tommy B. Strowd, Division Director, Operations, Maintenance & Construction
DATE: November 10, 2011
SUBJECT: Ten year management plan update for the CREW Management Area

Background:

Section 373.591, Florida Statutes, and Section 140.25(6)(b), South Florida Water Management District Policies Code, direct the District to develop a general management plan that follows a designated format and provides recommended management actions for each Land Stewardship management area. The District updates these plans every ten (10) years in conjunction with a multi-party land management review of the subject property and consistent with the timeframe followed by State agencies. The management plan describes the historical, physical, and ecological aspects of the property as well as the land stewardship activities necessary to properly manage the area. The purpose of the management plan is to provide guidance to District land managers for the implementation of appropriate and consistent land management practices, to identify goals and objectives for the management of the property, and to present and address the findings of the review team.

How this helps meet the District's 10-Year Strategic Plan:

The completion and updating of general management plans are specifically identified as deliverables in the District's 10-year strategic plan. Each of the goals and objectives outlined in the management plan furthers one or more of the strategies in the 10-year strategic plan including maximizing appropriate nature-based recreation, utilizing prescribed fire to mimic natural fire-return intervals, maintaining facilities and infrastructure, and providing effective management of the natural resources located on the area.

Funding Source:

Not applicable

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography:

The CREW Management Area is located in Lee and Collier counties and is managed by the Land Stewardship Section within the Land Resources Bureau of the Operations, Maintenance, and Construction Department.

What concerns could this Board item raise?

The CREW general management plan provides basic guidance and direction for the proper management of District lands. The review of land management actions and periodic updates to the general management plan are required per statute and District policy.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item?

This action furthers the Land Resources Bureau's goals, the District's mission as defined in the 10-year strategic plan, and satisfies a statutory requirement to prepare and periodically update management plans for District conservation lands.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at extension 6998.

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